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EXCERPT FROM NEW USFK 190-1 SAFETY EQUIPMENT REQUIRED FOR USFK LICENSED MOTORCYCLE RIDERS

BACKGROUND: In the past, there have been issues on what is the appropriate safety gear required on operating motorcycles for USFK licensed riders in the Republic of Korea. Appropriate safety clothing and equipment has proven to be effective in the prevention of accidents and proper clothing and eye wear in reducing the severity of injuries in an accident.

- REFERENCE: USFK 190-1 DATED 1 NOVEMBER 2010; DODI 6055.4

 DURING MOTORCYCLE OPERATIONS USFK OPERATORS WILL ADHERE TO THE FOLLOW REQUIREMENTS OUTLINED IN USFK 190-1.

 USFK 190-1 Appendix B-19.

 Motorcycle/moped riders must wear —

 (1) A safety helmet certified to meet Department of Transportation (DOT) standards properly fastened under the chin.

 (2) Shatterproof eye protection. Plastic or hardened safety glasses, wrap around glasses, goggles, or a full-face shield are required even if the motorcycle/moped is equipped with a windshield. Non-safety prescription glasses and sunglasses are not considered suitable eye protection. Eye protection that is tinted is prohibited while operating a motorcycle/moped during the hours of darkness.

 (3) Full-length trousers and long-sleeved shirt or jacket.

 (4) Sturdy footgear that provides over the ankle coverage of the foot (sandals and other footwear that exposes the foot are prohibited).

 (5) Full-fingered gloves.

 (6) High-visibility outer upper-body garments. Reflective vests or belts are required at all times when riding and reflective clothing is required for night time travel. The outer upper-body garment shall be clearly visible and uncovered at all times.

 h. Motorcycles/mopeds must have a lighted headlamp on at all times.

 i. A rear view mirror will be attached to each side of the handlebars.

 j. Motorcycles/mopeds driven off public streets, roadways, or highways on U.S. installations will be operated only in those areas designated by the installation or base commander.

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- commander.
- k. Motorcycles/mopeds will not be operated on Korean expressways.
- 1. Failure to wear the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) listed in paragraphs B-19g(1)~(6) above or comply with licensing or operator training requirements may be considered in making line-of-duty determinations if the injury is from such nonuse of PPE or noncompliance.

COMPLIANCE IS REQUIRED DUE TO POTENTIAL INJURY TO PERSONNEL!!

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